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Reference is made to the Embassy's airgram No. 1258 dated November 22, 1947 in connection with the projected trip of Anna Louise Strong to Yugoslavia as a correspondent.

In a conversation November 13, 1947 she made certain general observations of possible interest. Since Miss Strong is a well known fellow traveller and Kremlin spokesman who worked with Borodin in China, her statements should be viewed with these facts in mind.

She stressed, as she had done in previous conversations, the fact that the Soviet Union wishes to have nothing to do with the internal struggle in China today. She said that the Soviet Union wishes to wall itself off from entanglement in Chinese affairs. As substantiation for her words, she stated that she expects that her forthcoming book on China, when published in the Soviet Union, will be shorn of its treatment of the origin and development of the Communist Party in China. Miss Strong announced her opinion that the Soviet Union was too busy in Europe to desire active embroilment in Chinese issues, stating that the Soviet populace might become unsettled in mind if now forced to absorb information regarding an additional international struggle.

Miss Strong remarked upon the anxiety existing among her own circle of Russian friends, and therefore, by analogy, widespread locally, regarding the possible possession by the United States of devastatingly effective means for agricultural warfare. She said that both in the Soviet Union and in China fear of such a weapon in the hands of the United States is stronger than fear of the atomic bomb.

Miss Strong said that while in Czechoslovakia [illegible] there her book on China is scheduled for publication soon.

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source y the Chinese Communist representative to the recent I rnational Youth Conference at Prague. Among the illust a ns will be several "excellent" studies of Mao Tze Tu g. Her book when published in the Soviet Union will not, s'e ys, be thus illustrated.

M s Strong had in previous conversations here stressed the in ep dence of the Chinese Communist Party from that of the So et Union. She had said that there were noticeable disag e ts between the Chinese Communist line and that propa e locally, and that no attempt was being made to rect differences. In the conversation now reported, she c e the possibility of there being a major rift at presa the Chinese Communist Party itself, but refused to pr e ke subject further.

M s Strong in a very spontaneous remark at one point let sl p formation that ingress to Communist areas in China s ssible by travel through Kong Kong and thence overla d rough an "underground railway" between the homes of far r

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